



# Tapping Clean Energy for Rural Montana's Future

A workshop for small town businesses, farmers, and ranchers

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010

**Time:** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Where:** MSU-Northern  
Hansler Auditorium, Havre,  
Montana

**Cost:** *It's FREE!*

Registration is *encouraged*  
**Registration deadline is**  
**Nov. 10, 2010**

**Register Online**

Go to: [www.ncat.org/meetings](http://www.ncat.org/meetings)

OR call 800-275-6228 to register  
by phone

OR complete and mail this form  
to:

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NCAT  
PO Box 3838  
Butte, MT 59702



**Learn more about loans,  
rebates and grants in energy  
efficiency and renewable  
energy**

By the close of this workshop, you'll know if any of these utility, state or federal funding programs could be a useful tool for you. You'll also learn about what's needed for a successful application, and who can help you put together a successful application.

The workshop will include a special focus on USDA-RD's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant and loan program. In addition to learning about energy efficiency, and wind, solar and biodiesel applications, workshop participants will have the chance to tour the Biofuels Performance Lab at MSU-Northern.

This workshop is the first in a series of workshops and webinars for farmers, ranchers and rural businesses seeking to tap into clean energy technologies, and the resources to develop them. The Rural Montana Clean Energy project also provides on going technical and limited financial assistance for applicants and grant-writer/packagers.

This workshop is brought to you by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) along with Harvesting Clean Energy, Opportunity Link, Montana Food and Ag Development Centers, MSU-Northern, Montana Economic Development Association, and the Montana Department of Agriculture in partnership with USDA Rural Development in Montana.

A draft agenda and registration form appear on the back of this notice. If you have any questions, **contact Al Kurki, 406-449-0104 or [akurki@ncat.org](mailto:akurki@ncat.org)**.

**\* This workshop will be repeated in Billings after the holidays.\***



## Agenda: November 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop for Prospective Applicants

- 7:30 am: Registration
- 8:30 am: Welcome
- 8:45 am: State and utility programs (Panel of utility/agency representatives)
- 9:15 am: REAP overview (USDA-RD )
- 10:00 am: Break
- 10:15 am: Biodiesel Development and Oilseed production (MSU-Northern or Opportunity Link)
- 10:45 am: Panel discussion – what you need to know before you apply for ANY renewable energy or energy efficiency loans, grants or rebates.
- 11:30 am: Closing remarks and adjourn
- 11:35 am: Optional Biodiesel Lab tour or visit about projects with experts on grant and loan programs.

### Lodging in Havre:

You can stay at the Best Western for \$77/night plus tax.

**Call 406 265-4200** and indicate you are attending the Clean Energy workshop.

You must make your reservation **by November 1st** to get this guaranteed rate for the nights of November 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

AmericInn is also offering special rates for this workshop. Call 406-395-5000 for more information.

Other lodging options in Havre include the Townhouse Inn. Call 406-265-6711 for more information.

### Registration Form—Please Print

Name			
Organization			
Address, City, State, Zip Code			
Phone			
Email			
I am a... (Check One)			
Farmer	Small Business Owner	Rancher	Other
_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ Sorry, I can't come to the Havre workshop, but keep me posted about the Billings workshop or any workshop you hold west of the Divide.

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